



DISASTER NEWS

Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes

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SBA Disaster Outreach Office to Close Friday, August 18

Sacramento, CA – As previously scheduled, the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA) will close its Disaster Outreach Office in Mariposa at **1 pm** on **Friday, August 18**, reminded Alfred E. Judd, Director of SBA's Field Operations Center - West. All disaster victims who have received an SBA application are encouraged to return it to us at the office before it closes.

The SBA disaster office, located at the **Miners Inn Restaurant, 5159 Highway 140** in **Mariposa**, has been open since July 26 to provide personalized assistance to small businesses that suffered financial losses from the Ferguson Rockslide on Highway 140 last April.

The office will be open this **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday** and **Friday** from **8 am to 1 pm**. "SBA's customer service representative will still be available to answer specific questions about how a disaster loan from SBA may help each victim recover from the disaster, and provide one-on-one assistance in completing their loan application," Judd said.

According to Judd, small businesses may borrow up to \$1.5 million to help pay their fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, and other bills that can't be paid because of the disaster's impact. The interest rate on these loans is 4 percent and the terms can be as long as 30 years.

After SBA's disaster office closes, business owners may mail their completed applications to SBA. Applications and information may be obtained by calling SBA toll-free at **(800) 659-2955**. Hearing impaired individuals may call (800) 877-8339.

The deadline to return applications is **April 23, 2007**.

For more information visit SBA's website at www.sba.gov/disaster.

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